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Calendar

Fri., June 22	Pick up <i>Bugle</i> in Penn Place lobby; Film Society, Town Hall, <i>Adventures of Robin Hood</i> , dinner 7 pm, movie 8 pm	Thurs., Aug. 16	Casual Music Jam, Town Hall, 8 pm
Sat., June 23	<i>A capella</i> concert for the Betsy White Fund, Town Hall, 7:30 pm	Sat., Aug. 18	GIVES, Farmer's Market, 9 am–1 pm
Thurs., June 28	Happy Hour, Town Hall, 2–4 pm; Casual Music Jam, Town Hall, 8 pm	Thurs., Aug. 23	New parents welcome at GPES, 7 pm, followed by a kindergarten parent meeting
Fri., June 29	Town BBQ: End-of-fiscal-year celebration, Town Hall, 1 pm	Fri., Aug. 24	Open House at GPES for students, 2–3 pm
Sat., June 30	Large item pickup; GP Ladybugs home swim meet, pool, 8–11 am	Sat., Aug. 25	Annual family crab feast at the pool, 4 pm
Tues, July 3	Ladybugs home swim meet, pool, 5–8 pm	Mon., Aug. 27	Start of public school for the year
Wed., July 4	4th of July activities (see article, p 3, and poster)	Thurs., Aug. 30	Casual Music Jam, Town Hall, 8 pm
Sat., July 7	GIVES, Penn Place, 9 am–1 pm; Pooch Parade, 11 am (see p 3)	Mon., Sept. 3	Labor Day, <i>no trash pickup</i> ; Pool closes
Sun., July 8	Grosvenor Market Day, pool, 12–2 pm	Thurs., Sept. 6	Casual Music Jam, Town Hall, 8 pm
Mon., July 9	Town Council meeting, Town Hall, 7:30 pm	Sat., Sept. 8	GIVES, Penn Place, 9 am–1 pm
Wed., July 11	Ladybugs home swim meet, pool, 5–8 pm	Mon., Sept. 10	Town Council Meeting, Town Hall, 7:30 pm
Sat., July 14	Ladybugs home swim meet, pool, 8–11 am; Adult party at the pool, 7 pm	Tues., Sept. 11	Lunch Bunch, Town Hall, 12:30 pm; deadline for next <i>Bugle</i> issue, 4 pm
Wed., July 18	Pool summer membership meeting, 7:30 pm (loc. TBD)	Fri., Sept. 14	Film Society, Town Hall, <i>October Sky</i> , dinner 7 pm, movie 8 pm
Thurs., July 19	Casual Music Jam, Town Hall, 8 pm	Sat., Sept. 15	GIVES, Farmer's Market, 9 am–1 pm
Sat., July 21	GIVES, Farmer's Market, 9 am–1 pm	Thurs., Sept. 20	Casual Music Jam, Town Hall, 8 pm
Sat., Aug. 4	GIVES, Penn Place, 9 am–1 pm	Fri., Sept. 21	Pick up your <i>Bugle</i> at the P.O.
		Sat., Sept. 29	Large item pickup
		Sun., Sept. 30	Newcomers Welcome, Citizens Association, Town Hall, 3 pm

A Short (but Substantive) Town Council Meeting

These notes on the Town Council’s June meeting are short since the meeting itself was short. This does not mean, however, that important action was not taken. The meeting doubled as the public hearing on an amended version of Ordinance 2011-05, which deals with building size, location, and lot coverage. This ordinance represents the Council’s first major effort at instituting the recommendations of the Land Use Task Force. The purpose of the amendments was to align the language of the town ordinance with that of the county overlay zone and eliminate confusion. Sections were also added that spell out what projections are allowed into setback areas and what parts of a building are used to calculate lot coverage and floor-area ratio. All this would seem to be sensible and straightforward, but the Council has struggled mightily with this task. While trying to incorporate the county’s zoning language, they discovered that the county regulations are inconsistent, poorly written, and confusing. In the

interest of moving forward, the Council unanimously passed the ordinance despite some lingering questions. It was felt that if, and when, the county gets around to clarifying its language, the town can make some additional adjustments.

The council also heard from two citizens. John King reported on the beginning of the White Flint 2 Sector Plan and its implications for Garrett Park. Tina Shaffer asked if the Council would consider joining other municipalities in calling for a constitutional amendment to override the recent “Citizens United” decision by the Supreme Court. It was suggested that the Citizens Association would be the appropriate organization to solicit residents’ opinions on this matter. Recently elected mayor Peter Benjamin gaveled the meeting to a close before 8:30 (must be some sort of record).

Ken & Nancy Schwartz

Town Administrator Notes

Be safe and secure. Every year with the advent of warmer weather, the number of fraudulent door-to-door solicitations for business (landscaping, window cleaning, and the like) increases. Please, do not open your door to strangers, especially if you are in your home alone. Any legitimate solicitor will have a Montgomery County permit, which you should ask to see. If anyone makes you feel unsafe, call 911; if you see suspicious activity, call the police nonemergency number (301-279-8000). Check the town Web site for up-to-date information, detailed advice, and additional police contact information. Also, the town e-mail listserv frequently discusses suspicious activity. (See the Citizens Association News for information on joining the listserv.)

Summer traffic. With summer here and school out, there will be more people, especially children, walking around town—many going to and coming from the swimming pool and Cambria Park. Along Clermont Avenue, running down the hill and up again to Montrose Avenue, it is easy to gain speed once you have passed over the speed bump! So drivers need to be careful here, as this is the main route to the pool for residents on the north side of town.

Large item collection. There will be a large item collection Saturday, June 30.

Trash & recycling. Check the town Web site for complete information. If Monday is a holiday, recycling will be collected on Tuesday, trash on Thursday, and yard waste on the next Monday.

Yard waste. Please remember to bundle your yard waste or place it in paper bags. Large limbs, sod, dirt, or stones are not collected. After a storm when there is widespread tree damage throughout the town, the maintenance staff will collect and chip branches brought to the roadside.

Please place them butt-end out and not higgledy-piggledy in a pile. This will make it much easier for the crew. However, a private contractor must deal with any major limb-fall or tree loss on your property.

“We Survived the Fiscal Year” barbecue. The town staff invites residents and friends to our annual barbecue, celebrating another successful year in Garrett Park. *The date:* Friday, June 29. *The time:* 1 pm until we run out of food or folks to feed. *The place:* Town Hall. Come hungry!

As always, the Town Office will assist you in any way possible.

Ted Pratt, Administrator



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Citizens Association News

In the spirit of both Garrett Park traditions and the 2012 Summer Olympic games, the theme for Garrett Park's July 4 Parade & BBQ is "Passing the Torch." Here's a summary of activities:

Tuesday, July 3

7-7:30 pm: Pie Bake-Off drop off at the Town Hall for judging (more information this page).

Wednesday, July 4

7:30 am: Register for Fun Run/Walk at Penn Place (all ages).

8:00 am: Two-mile Fun Run/Walk begins.

9:45 am: Register for Parade at GPES parking lot.

10:30 am: Parade steps off.

11:00 am: BBQ begins with music & entertainment by Garrett Park's very own band, "Border State," including a dance contest for prizes. Food will be available for purchase and provided by the Citizens Association. Water and soft drinks will be also available for purchase to benefit the GPES Education Foundation. Pie Bake-Off slices available too (benefits Citizens Association and the Betsy White Fund).

1-4 pm: Games at Garrett Park Pool

3 pm: 18th Annual Softball Game behind GPES (Garrett Park vs. Garrett Park Estates)

The July 4 events require a lot of work to pull off. The Citizens Association is looking for volunteers to help. How about being a parade judge or helping to sell food after the parade? Contact Mario to help.

Thanks and hope to see everyone on the 4th!

2nd Annual July 4 Pie Bakeoff

Along with all the other fun things that July 4 brings to Garrett Park, join us in the second July 4 GP Pie Bakeoff. Show off those baking skills by submitting a pie. Entries will be judged on taste, texture, and appearance. We have some esteemed judges lined up. There will be both fruit and non-fruit prize categories for adults, and a separate prize for kids (under 12).

Submit your 8-inch pie to the Town Hall on July 3 between 7 and 7:30 pm. Be sure to include a recipe card so that we can share the winning bakers' culinary secrets. Please label the bottom of your pie tin with your name and a phone number (note if you want it returned!). We will be judging the pies at 8 pm on July 3 with a decision to the masses on July 4.

So dust off those rolling pins, pick your filling, get your kids rolling out the dough, and enter the pie contest!

Note that we will be selling pie entries at \$1 a slice, and raffling off the winning pies at the annual July 4th celebration. So bring a few dollars to taste the best of GP kitchens. Proceeds from the sale will benefit the Betsy White Fund and the Citizens Association.

If you need more info, e-mail Lori Conlan or call (see printed Bugle for e-mail addresses or phone numbers in this article).

Plus...

Annual dues. The Citizens Association 2011 annual dues are being collected. The annual dues are \$10 for individuals and \$20 per family. Thank you to all of those who have already paid. For those who have not, please submit dues by mailing them to the Citizens Association at box 456.

Future meetings. Do you have a suggestion or idea for a topic that you feel would be of interest to the town? If so, please forward your thoughts to Mario Grande or send a note to Box 456.

Garrett Park listserv (e-mail list). Our neighborhood is made up of people with a wide variety of backgrounds, skills, perspectives, and experiences. Tap into these resources and stay informed with the Garrett Park neighborhood listserv. The listserv is an electronic forum for neighbors to communicate information about town concerns, safety issues, upcoming events, and recommended services (for example, contractors, lawn care, doctors, and baby sitters). The listserv will not be used for unsolicited marketing, and you can unsubscribe at any time. To join, e-mail Todd Harris or sign in at groups.yahoo.com/group/GarrettParkneighbors/join.

Questions or comments for the Citizens Association? If so, please send a note to P.O. Box 456.

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Pooch Parade

The annual pooch parade, sponsored by the Women's Club, will take place on Saturday, July 7, at 11 am.

Line-up will be at Kenilworth Avenue; dogs and owners will march to the basketball court next to Penn Place for human and animal treats.

Jean Horan

Old Negatives Become Archive Positives

The Garrett Park Archives has received another unexpected, but welcome, donation. The widow of photographer James K.W. Atherton stopped by the Town Office to donate the negatives from a series of photographs that her husband took in Garrett Park in 1973. Mrs. Atherton thought that the photographs had been taken for an article in the *Washington Post*, but had never been published. James Atherton worked for 20 years for UPI and then another 20 years for the *Post* until his retirement in 1990. He was known for getting shots from unusual angles. One of his best known shots showed the throng gathered in front of the Lincoln Memorial during the 1963 civil rights rally from the perspective of the Lincoln statue. Mr. Atherton died last November. This donation of work from a well-known photographer is a welcome addition to our town's archival collection.

(For the benefit of the younger population of Garrett Park, a "negative" is something used to make a "photograph." And the *Washington Post* is a "newspaper," printed on a substance called "paper.")

Also, a belated thanks to the late Donal McLaughlin's family for the donation of more than 100 of his posters and other artwork. Dozens of his Lunch Bunch posters were on display in the Town Hall last Tuesday for the last Lunch Bunch of the season, to the delight of diners.

The archives are winding down an extremely productive first half of the year. We've nearly completely integrated 125 years of community history into our catalog files, and much of it into our digital programs, allowing all our town's citizens to research the town's quirky, fascinating, and unique history, with the help of our committee and student interns.

Speaking of interns, Walter Johnson High School and the county have been incredibly helpful in supplying interns, without whom the archives could not operate. And youngsters from Silver Spring, Bethesda, and other communities

have also volunteered. Curiously, though, despite the fact that Garrett Park kids populate Walter Johnson, we have not yet had a student volunteer from town. We hope that will change.

We are also looking for adults to help. If you have a few hours a week, we could use your help. You would be surprised how informative, engaging, and fun it can be.

Charlie Snyder

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www.garrettpark-md.gov

GIVES Update

Can you donate two hours this year to help out those less fortunate? GIVES needs you!

GIVES (Garrett Park Intercommunity Voluntary Experiment in Sharing), an all-volunteer organization now in its 39th year in Garrett Park, continues to collect monetary donations monthly to help relieve hunger both locally and internationally. In 2011, GIVES divided its annual contribution total of \$4,507.63 between Thrive DC—to help feed, clothe, and provide training for those in need in DC—and the American Friends Service projects abroad. Thank you to all of our generous contributors and volunteers.

Look for the GIVES table at our two monthly collections: the first Saturday of the month at the GP Post Office, as well as at the third Saturday at GP's Hares Valley Farmers Market from May through November.

Mark your calendars! November Soup Supper date set. The 2012 GIVES Soup Supper has been scheduled for Sunday, November 4 from 5 to 7 pm at the Town Hall. Look for further details in the fall *Bugle*. If you'd like to help organize the event, GIVES would very much welcome your help.

Got toiletries? Got clothes? THRIVE DC is always in need of toiletries and clothing for the homeless, so please drop off whatever personal hygiene items you may have such as soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, laundry detergent, hand lotion, sunscreen, etc., or coats or socks, on the front porch of Nancy Walz, and she'll continue her regular deliveries to their building in D.C.

Want more information about GIVES? Want to find out about volunteering to collect donations? Interested in helping to plan and/or work at the November Soup Supper? For these or any other questions, please contact Rana Koll-Mandel, Nancy Walz, or Karen Anderson. Thanks to all for their generosity and spirit!

Art at Penn Place

Beginning Monday, July 2, the work of artist Susan G. Weidemann will be on display at the Penn Place Art Space. Susan writes, "I was brought up in Argentina. As a young child I had a passion for the arts. I took up painting as a hobby 20 years ago. In 1995 I joined a workshop of painters at the Inter American Development Bank, led by international artists from South America and Europe. My preferred media are oil on canvas and pastel drawings. I enjoy a wide variety of subjects including portraits, landscapes, flowers, and nature. Recently, I have begun to expand to nonrepresentational abstracts."

Bert Zbar

Rana Koll-Mandel

Green Team Survey

This spring the Garrett Park Green Team (GT) surveyed residents’ knowledge of and interest in pursuing green initiatives in the town. The results will help guide development of an Action Plan. The survey was conducted March to May through listservs and in person at the Post Office: 158 surveys were returned, of which 154 were substantially completed. The overall conclusion is that the Garrett Park community appears ready and willing to increase participation in green initiatives. Many already do “easier” initiatives; others might be encouraged to take the same and more difficult initiatives with support. Roughly half (48.6 percent) volunteered their help with environmentally friendly initiatives.

Residents were aware of town actions already in place: tree plantings, water bags, mulching with tree chips, drainage systems and erosion controls, permeable surfaces, laws, recycling, dog poop bags, farmer’s market, recycling programs, purchase of wind energy, parks, and open spaces.

Residents indicated interest in periodic collections of toxic materials, expired drugs, and used batteries; town purchase of environmentally friendly materials and supplies; safe walking/ biking routes; reduction in the use of hazardous pesticides and fertilizers; and creation of a storm water management plan. Less popular but still with significant support were a community garden; health/nutrition education classes; a community services exchange; and reduction to once a week trash pickup.

More than half the respondents would like the GT to provide an information bank of green initiatives; offer talks and training on initiatives; use an e-mail listserv to provide information about initiatives; and establish a mentor network. Thanks to all who provided their time and knowledge.

Joanne Schmader

GPES

The teachers are packing up for the summer, the halls are quiet, and the vacation bug has hit the staff. Summer hours for the office will be from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm. If you wish to enroll a student, please call the office (301-929-2170) to make an appointment and find out what documentation you need to bring with you. As of this writing, there should be approximately 580 students next year, which means some teachers may be teaching different grade levels from this year.

We had one retirement this year. Mrs. Mary Brisson, first grade teacher, decided that 26 years was enough time to have been instructing children in their ABCs. She is looking forward to having time off to do all those things that have been on hold.

For the summer—if you can get hold of some old tennis balls, the school is in need of some to put on the bottoms of all student chairs to help keep the brand new floors from being scratched. Ideally, we would like “x”s cut into each ball so they will fit easily over the feet of the chair. You can drop them off at school.

Also, the school is looking for some part-time workers to act as substitute lunch/recess aides. Applicants need to be at least 18 years old and will be paid at a rate of \$13.88 per hour. If interested, contact Mrs. Georgatsos in the school office.

Mary Moyer

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This Year's Graduates

We are pleased to recognize this year's crop of graduates. If we missed someone, please let us know before the September deadline.

From High School:

Michael Abrams: from Walter Johnson in the APEX program, with a National Merit Scholarship award, going to GWU for a media and public affairs degree with a scholarship.

Jonathan Artim: from Walter Johnson, going to the University of Utah.

Patrick Berry: from Walter Johnson, going to Montgomery College.

Rocco Del Priore: from The Heights School, going to RPI in Troy, New York.

Morgan Huffman: from Walter Johnson.

Cameron Keyani: from Walter Johnson, going to St. Mary's College.

Djamil Lakhdar-Harmina: from Walter Johnson, going to Columbia University and to France.

Nick Pasquenelli: from Walter Johnson, going to Africa to work on a farm, and then Montgomery College in the spring.

Peter Ionno: from Walter Johnson, going to St. Mary's College.

Ginger Mayhew: from Walter Johnson with honors,
going to the University of Delaware as an elemen-
tary education major.

Lucy Murnane: from Walter Johnson as a National Merit Scholarship winner in the top 5 percent of her class and an Italian award; taking a gap year in Italy and then will go to University of California in Berkeley in 2013.

Paige Siegel: from the Jewish Day School, going to the University of Maryland.

Fletcher Tollefson: from Walter Johnson with First Chair Music Award for Clarinet and the scholarship program at the University of Maryland to study engineering, going to Virginia Tech to study aerospace engineering.

From College

Steven Andrews: J.D. from UCLA law school in December, 2011. He is currently a lawyer in China.

Timothy Casassa: B.A. in computer science from Goucher College. Looking for work in the private sector.

Kelly Folkers: B.S. in biology from Denison University She is moving to Sweden to study and be a research assistant at Uppsala University. She's planning on working for one year while applying to grad schools.

Alexander Joseph: B.A. in human biology from the University of Montana. He is looking for a job.

Teddy Lillie: B.S. with honors in mechanical engineering from the University of Maryland. He is currently doing research at the college while going on to get a master's degree there.

Erica Morse: B.F.A. in graphic design from the Rhode Island School of Design. She will start work with YouTube.com in September.

Daniel Pearlman: B.A. with honors in physics from Vassar College. He is moving to Brooklyn, New York, to be an assistant teacher in a private school.

Lucia Petito: B.S. *cum laude* from Eastman School of Music, University of Rochester, dual major in music applied studies (violin performance) and math, with high distinction and the math department outstanding-student award. Lucia is working at the National Cancer Institute this summer in biostatistics, then will go to the University of California, Berkeley, for a master's and Ph.D. in biostatistics.

Abby Roberts: B.A. from Johns Hopkins in history and political science.

Maggie Roberts: B.S. in forestry conservation and reclamation from the University of Montana. She is currently on the fire lines in New Mexico.

Anna Soltan: B.A. in English from George Washington University. Anna plans to move to Galway, Ireland, with a friend and hopes to get a job there.

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Bugle Notes . . . Sweet and Sour

- ♪ Frank Obrimski has become a great-grandfather. Granddaughter Sharon “Ronnie” and husband Josh gave birth to a baby boy on March 30. They currently live in Gaithersburg. Grandmother Margaret Obrimski Bonacorda of Wheaton is delighted.
- ♪ A welcome to the neighborhood to Darren and Joanna Welch, along with their daughter, who have moved into the new house on Kenilworth Avenue. They lived in the area for 5 years until 2011, moved away, and have now returned. Darren is a lawyer, and Joanna works for C-SPAN.
- ♪ Jill Marsteller, associate professor of Health Policy and Management at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, was awarded the Advising, Mentoring and Teaching Recognition Award. The award was based on student nominations.
- ♪ Ken and Nancy Schwartz are happy to report the marriage of their son Daniel to Dana Slone on May 27. Dana is originally from Pittsburgh and has a degree in civil engineering from the University of Pittsburgh. She works as a traffic engineer with the Dewberry Firm. Daniel graduated from the University of Maryland and is a soil scientist the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District. The ceremony was held in the State Theatre in Falls Church, where the couple had their names up on the marquee. They are living in the Court-house area of Arlington.
- ♪ Will Almy and his cooking companions walked away with a second place in their cooking competition in Tasmania. Even though they lost out to the Aussies, they had a great time, according to dad Dave.
- ♪ If you visit New York City this summer, you might see Gabe Mandel doing his externship at the Marc Forgione restaurant in Tribeca.
- ♪ John Rienstra was part of the runner up team in the 2012 48 hour Film Project. There were 138 entries from Washington and his film, *To Dad*, by Pantless Productions, won Best Acting Ensemble as well as Best Writing. Along with other winners, it will be screened again June 15 at Artomatic between 7 and 10 pm.
- ♪ Many thanks from editor Barbara Collier to Randy Auerbach for story editing and Linda Paine for layout for this issue, while she was recuperating from surgery.
- ♪ The *Bugle* staff wishes you all a safe and serene summer vacation. The October issue will appear in late September, so please send info on your summer doings to Mary Moyer, and we’ll include them in that issue.

The Happy Hour!

“Games and Tea” has become “The Happy Hour,” the (Not Only for) Seniors Afternoon at Town Hall (fourth Thursday of the month, from 2 to 4 pm). We recently added a scheduled activity to each afternoon: in February we were entertained by Elijah Cole’s skilled and delightful piano playing, and April featured Andrea Rugh with a compelling update on her visit to Egypt.

In May, Girl Scout Troop 2366 gave us a festive afternoon. Garrett Park resident Steph Hooten, who started the troop with three other women five years ago when their girls were Daisies, led this intergenerational community event, part of the girls’ efforts to earn a Bronze Award, the highest honor a Junior Girl Scout can achieve. The Seniors Committee sent a letter to Ms. Hooten and the Troop thanking them for the entertaining afternoon: “You were terrific! Your original skits were outstanding, the food exceptional, the energy tips were pertinent and most helpful, and the light bulbs were a neat and useful gift—all so thoughtful and greatly appreciated.”

If you can, we hope you’ll stroll over to the Town Hall (bring a friend or neighbor) and join us for the next Happy Hour. Residents of all ages are welcome. The Happy Hour will be on hiatus for July and August. June’s event will be posted on the listserv and town Web site.

Elizabeth Henley

Postmaster’s Notes

The GP Post Office staff has informed the *Bugle* that mail that is left to accumulate for long periods of time has become increasingly problematic. Some people, they note, let their mail pile up for 30 to 90 days. Accordingly, a \$550 caller service fee will be assessed every six months to box holders who consistently let their mail accumulate for long periods of time. Anyone who is going to be subjected to the fee will, however, receive a warning notice first. Moreover, the fee does not apply for those boxes with the temporary vacation holds cards (30 days max) that are filled out and submitted.

Green Again

Two Garrett Park families donated to our green banner fund. Dick and Peggy Pratt came through with money for us, and Millie Mader donated for some “Spring Green.” We saw Millie at the musicale, and she is doing fine in her new home. Thanks to you all.

We need some new donations for next year. September, October, and December are spoken for. After that we are dry. If you would care to sponsor a green banner, please make out a check to the Citizens Association for \$45 and mail it to me at Box 98. Many thanks.

Mary Moyer

Letter from the Mayor

Special thanks from our town go to Mohammed Turay of the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, who manages Montgomery County parks in our area. Shortly after I was elected, I called Mr. Turay to ask that a portion of the path behind the elementary school, which so many of us use to walk to Metro, be repaired. The portion from the school alongside the play field was repaved after the school was completed, but the portion through the woods to Stoneybrook had turned, over the years, into a muddy mess after each rain. I asked that new gravel be installed to raise the path above the water flow. Within days a new wood border had been built and crushed gravel poured and packed flat. We now have a dry, even, easily negotiated path between the town and Stoneybrook. At the request of a town resident, I asked Mr. Turay to inspect and replace, if necessary, the nets on the Waverly Park tennis court. The next day they had been replaced. It is so easy for a bureaucrat to postpone action, or to say that it is not his responsibility, or to plead budget limits. Saying yes and doing the job quickly and effectively is refreshing, and Mr. Turay exemplifies a "can do" attitude. Thank you, Mohammed.

At our June Council meeting, the Town Council approved the land use ordinance, which was introduced in December of last year. The ordinance reflects the most significant recommendations of the Land Use Task force, which began developing its proposals in 2009. The Task Force and the Council labored hard and thoughtfully in developing this legislation, and I thank them all for their dedication and for a job well done. We are now moving from a setback ordinance to zoning requirements, have aligned our requirements with Montgomery County code, and have made the new rules consistent and straightforward. They should be much easier to interpret and to use to guide design and construction of homes and additions in our town.

Our storm drain construction at the north end of Kenilworth is finally nearing completion, and

we will soon begin work on Shelley Court, where the storm drain has collapsed, leaving a gaping hole in one resident's back yard. We have discovered yet another hole into a storm drain behind the home of a Keswick resident, and will investigate that when we work on the Shelley Court one. If we ever manage to get emergency storm drain work behind us, we will evaluate how much money we have and what additional curbs, gutters, sidewalks, and street rehabilitation we can do. We will also bring together a group to look again at finishing up the streetscape and lighting around Penn Place, and will be asking another group to tackle the job of rationalizing and updating the fees for rental of Town Hall. If you have an interest in participating in either of these projects, please tell Ted or Elizabeth at the Town Office, 301-933-7488 or garrett-park@comcast.net. These are only a few of the issues upon which we will be focusing in the coming year.

Peter Benjamin

Jobs List

The young people listed below are available to perform the tasks shown. Remember, the jobs list is maintained in the Town Office, so you can always call the town staff at 301-933-7488, either to get a referral or to put yourself on the list to be contacted. Please clip and save!

Please see the list in the printed *Bugle* or call the Town Office. It is the *Bugle's* policy not to include private telephone numbers, private e-mail addresses, or names of minor children in the *e-Bugle*.

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TUESDAY JULY 3rd Summer Olympics -Theme"

7-7³⁰ P.M. Pie Bake-Off drop off at Town Hall

WEDNESDAY

7³⁰ A.M. Fun Run/Walk registration at Penn Place

8⁰⁰ A.M. 2-Mile Fun Run/Walk begins.

9⁴⁵ A.M. Register for Parade at GPES parkg lot

10³⁰ A.M. Parade steps off.

11⁰⁰ A.M. BBQ begins with music & entertainment by Garrett Park's very own band, "Border State", including a dance contest for prizes. Food will be available for purchase, provided by the Citizens Association. Water & soft drinks for purchase to benefit the GPES Education Foundation.

11³⁰ A.M. Pie Bake-Off tasting begins

1-4 P.M. Games at Garrett Park Pool

3⁰⁰ P.M. 18th Annual Softball Game - Garrett Park vs. Garrett Park Estates/White Flint Park. The Game will be played on the new field prepared by MNCPPC@GPES